



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

John S. Packer

Application No: 09/846,975

Filed: May 1, 2001

**For: Expander Device for Isolating Bus Segments  
in I/O Subsystem**

Group Art Unit: 2112

Examiner: C.H. Knoll

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**AMENDMENT**

**Honorable Commissioner for Patents**  
**Alexandria VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 13, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed on August 23, 2004. The period to respond extends to September 13, 2004 with a two-month extension of time. Accordingly, Applicant is concurrently submitting a request for a two-month extension of the period for response. Please enter this amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.